

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended). A pressure sensitive adhesive for single-sided or double-sided adhesive sheet strips which ~~can be redetached are redetachable from substrates~~ without residue or destruction by extensive stretching in the plane of the bond, composed of a mixture comprising a block copolymer and a tackifier, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ at least one compound which is swellable in H₂O is incorporated into the mixture.

Claim 2 (currently amended). The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in claim 1, ~~characterized in that wherein said at least one the~~ compound which is swellable in H₂O is a superabsorbent.

Claim 3 (currently amended). The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in ~~either of claims 1 and 2 claim 1 or 2, characterized in that wherein said at least one the~~ swellable compound is present in ~~a range between an amount of from~~ 0.5 to 20% by weight, based on the weight of adhesive.

Claim 4 (currently amended) The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 3, characterized in that claim 3, wherein said at least one the~~ swellable compound is present in ~~a range between an amount of from~~ 2 to 8% by weight, based on the weight of adhesive.

Claim 5 (currently amended). The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 4, characterized in that claim 1 or 2, wherein said at least one a single~~ swellable compound ~~or is~~ a mixture of two or more swellable compounds—is ~~incorporated into the mixture.~~

Claim 6 (currently amended). The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in ~~either of claims 2 and 5, characterized in that the claim 2, wherein said~~ superabsorbent is a sodium salt of a crosslinked polyacrylic acid, a starch-modified crosslinked polyacrylic acid, a crosslinked polyacrylamide, a crosslinked polysulfonic acid or carboxymethylcellulose.

Claim 7 (currently amended). The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in ~~one of claims 1 to 6, characterized in that the mixture comprises claim 1, further comprising~~ at least one additive.

Claim 8 (currently amended). ~~The use of the pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in one of the preceding claims for producing a~~ A single-sided and/or ~~or~~ double-sided adhesive sheet strip comprising the pressure sensitive adhesive of claim 1.

Claim 9 (new). The pressure sensitive adhesive as claimed in claim 5, wherein said superabsorbent is a sodium salt of a crosslinked polyacrylic acid, a starch-modified crosslinked polyacrylic acid, a crosslinked polyacrylamide, a crosslinked polysulfonic acid or carboxymethylcellulose.